Inspector General of Prisons (Rules), Punjab, Shri T.C Katoch on January 10, 1987 and Shri Joginder Pal Pandey, General Secretary, Punjab PCC(I);

(b) if so, what further steps have since been taken to effectively prevent terrorist activities in and around Punjab; and

(c) whether terrorist activities have escalated in 1987; if so, what are the details of persons killed by terrorists, particularly the security personnel during the period?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) The situation in Punjab is reviewed from time to time in consultation with the Government of Punjab and all assistance required by the State Government is being provided. Adequate para-military forces have been made available for internal security purpose. Assistance is also being given to modernise the police force and to increase its mobility.

Terrorist activities have escalated in 1987. During January, 1987, 63 persons including 8 police personnel were killed due to activities of extremists in Punjab.

Extradition treaty between USA and India

*10. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the old extradition treaty between the United States and India is proposed to be revised so as to make it more comprehensive;

(b) if so,whether the two countries are going to undertake preliminary exercises for the purpose; and

(c) what are the suggestions of the United States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The matter is under examination.

(b) No decision has been taken in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

Attack on Indian Embassy in Peru by Leftist guerrillas

*11. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Leftist guerrillas threw dynamite at the Indian Embassy in Peru during the last week of January, 1987 as reported in the Hindustan Times of the 27th January, 1987;

(b) if so, what is the numbr of Indian officials who suffered injuries, etc. and property damaged as a result thereof;

(c) whether any contact has been made with the Peruvian Government to ascertain the causes of the incident; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No official of the Embassy received any injury. Some windows of the Chancery were shattered and the private car of the Charged' Affairs badly demaged.

(c) and (d) The Government of Peru have enhanced armed protection for the security of the Embassy. They have formally expressed their condemnation of the criminal act and stated that they have undertaken an extensive investigation so that the culprits can be punished in accordance with the law.

Infiltration Across Indo-Pak Boarder

*12. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken during the past three months to effectively prevent

the infiltration across Indo-Pak borders, especially in the western sector;

(b) what is the number of infiltrants grabbed while crossing the borders or otherwise apprehended during this period and how these figures compare with the corresponding figures for the three months preceding this period; and

(c) what are the details of the other infiltration activities across the borders that have come to Government's notice during the past three months?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) BSF who are deployed on the Indo-Pak border are constantly on the alert. The Punjab sector of the Indo-Pak border was also placed under the operational control of the Army in January, 1987.

(b) and (c) 1039 infiltrators were apprehended on the Indo-Pak border during the period from November, 1986 to January, 1987 as against 1028 during the period from August to October, 1986. During encounters with the BSF, 79 intruders were killed between November, 1986 to January, 1987 as against 167 during the period from August to October, 1986.

Compulsory jute packaging for certain .. materials

*13. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make jute packaging compulsory for cement, fertilizers and other such materials;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of the measures being taken to protect the jute industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Government has been taking various steps from time to time to improve the performance of jute industry. The steps taken by the Government include:—

(1) Purchase of jute goods by Government (DGS&D) from jute industry according to Palekar formula.

(2) Two new constructions of jute based bags permitted for commercial use by Cement Industry;

(3) Efforts being made to find out alternative uses of jute in packing tea, production of carpets, blankets etc.;

(4) A buffer stock scheme of raw jute in operation so as to bring stability in raw jute prices;

(5) Jute Modernisation Fund Scheme of Rs. 150 crores started with effect from 1st November, 1986;

(6) A Special Jute Development Fund of Rs. 100 crores created for restructuring|re-opening|rehabilitation of jute industry as well as for development of jute agricultures;

(7) Providing higher cash compensatory support for export of jute goods.

Development of Tourism in Orissa

*14. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken any fresh steps recently to improve tourism in Orissa;

(b) if so, how many tourist spots have been identified and whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) how much amount has been earmarked during the Seventh Five Year Plan period for Orissa on development of tourism?